



Peterson Hollow Fire



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The **Peterson Hollow Fire** is currently at 1,171 acres and is 10% contained. There are 260 firefighting personnel assigned to suppress the incident and it is being managed by a Type 3 Fire Incident Management Team.

Yesterday's cloud cover moderated fire behavior and created an opportunity for aerial support to attack the fire's front and gain substantial suppression progress. The fire is progressing east and northeast, remaining active on both sides of Sink Hollow.

Heavy aerial support remains the primary tactic of suppressing the fire, as road access is limited. Air resources continue to be used both for suppression and supply drops to fire crews on the mountain. Firefighters are working to keep the fire east of the Peterson Hollow Drainage and north of Beaver Mountain.

Structure protection for the Beaver Mountain Resort continues to be a priority. Smoke is still visible from Garden City and along the Scenic Byway of Hwy 89; however, the fire remains a significant distance from the town and structures. To ensure public and firefighter safety, the public is reminded not to stop along the shoulders of Hwy 89 near the fire and please watch for fire traffic.

The Peterson Hollow fire is located approximately 6 miles NW of Garden City, UT and north of the Beaver Mountain Ski Resort off Hwy 89. It started on August 21, 2016 by unknown causes. It has crossed state lines and encompasses federal, state, and private lands.

Although Hwy 89 remains open to the public, there is an area and trail/road closure in effect. For closure details visit the Inciweb page for the Peterson Hollow Fire at <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4985/#>

Public safety and that of firefighters, both on the ground and in the air, are the #1 priority on this incident. The use of drones or private aircraft within the area of the fire are prohibited and pose a significant danger to the firefighters.

Firefighter officials would like to thank the members of the impacted communities for their support.

As the fire perimeter expands across agency boundaries, Forest Service partnerships have proven effective in fire management. Cooperators involved in this effort include: Beaver Mountain Ski Resort, BLM, Unified Fire Authority, Utah Department of Natural Resources, Utah State Patrol, Cache County, Rich County, Franklin County, Bear Lake County, local fire/police departments, and local cities/towns/municipalities.

Find update fire info:

Facebook: "U.S. Forest Service Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest" or "Utah Wildfire"

Twitter: @UWCNF or @UtahWildfire

Inciweb: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4985/#> for closure info, maps and announcements

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